

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Chas Vincent, on February 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Chas Vincent, Chair (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 136, 1/28/2015

Executive Action: SB 160 - Do Pass as Amended
SB 221 - Do Pass
SB 112 - Motion Withdrawn

Guest Presentation:

00:01:49 Matt Morrison, executive director, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)
[EXHIBIT\(nas27a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:15 Sen. Ripley
 00:15:51 Tom Boos, coordinator, Aquatic Invasive Species Program, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 00:16:07 Sen. Ripley
 00:16:25 Mr. Boos, FWP
 00:16:40 Chairman Vincent
 00:16:50 Mr. Boos
 00:17:29 Chairman Vincent
 00:17:39 Bruce Rich, administrator, Fisheries Department, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 00:18:34 Sen. Hoven
 00:18:57 Mr. Morrison, PNWER
 00:19:40 Sen. Hoven
 00:19:49 Mr. Morrison
 00:22:10 Sen. Brenden
 00:22:32 Mr. Morrison
 00:23:56 Sen. Brenden
 00:24:56 Sen. Connell

Informational Speaker on Committee Bill:

00:26:09 Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:24 Chairman Vincent
 00:29:34 Mr. Davis, DNRC

HEARING ON SB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:30:50 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 136, Generally revise hazardous waste fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:59 Dexter Busby, Calumet Montana Refining (CMR)
 00:38:42 Dave Galt, executive director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
 00:39:08 Mark Lambrecht, Treasure State Resource Industry Association (TSRIA)
 00:39:55 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce
 00:40:14 Aimee Grmoljez, CHS Refinery

Opponents' Testimony:

00:41:04 Ed Thamke, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(nas27a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:23	Sen. Ripley
00:45:04	Mr. Thamke, DEQ
00:45:37	Sen. Hoven
00:45:55	Mr. Thamke
00:47:13	Sen. Hoven
00:47:35	Mr. Thamke
00:47:56	Sen. Kaufmann
00:48:18	Mr. Thamke
00:49:51	Sen. Ankney
00:50:32	Mr. Thamke
00:51:27	Sen. Ankney
00:51:42	Mr. Thamke
00:52:05	Sen. Keane
00:52:44	Mr. Busby, CMR
00:53:05	Sen. Keane
00:53:24	Mr. Busby
00:53:31	Sen. Keane
00:53:43	Sen. Brenden
00:54:34	Mr. Thamke
00:55:16	Sen. Larsen
00:55:51	Mr. Thamke
00:57:11	Sen. Larsen
00:57:35	Mr. Thamke
00:57:56	Sen. Larsen
00:58:05	Mr. Thamke
00:58:17	Sen. Phillips
00:58:43	Mr. Thamke
00:59:05	Chairman Vincent
00:59:28	Mr. Thamke
00:59:35	Chairman Vincent
00:59:49	Mr. Thamke
00:59:58	Chairman Vincent
01:00:18	Mr. Thamke
01:00:22	Chairman Vincent
01:00:34	Mr. Thamke
01:00:58	Chairman Vincent
01:01:41	Mr. Thamke
01:02:13	Chairman Vincent
01:02:44	Mr. Thamke
01:02:54	Chairman Vincent
01:03:21	Mr. Thamke

01:03:27 Chairman Vincent
 01:04:07 Mr. Thamke
 01:04:10 Chairman Vincent
 01:04:56 Mr. Thamke
 01:05:17 Chairman Vincent
 01:05:30 Mr. Thamke
 01:06:14 Chairman Vincent
 01:06:48 Mr. Thamke
 01:07:23 Chairman Vincent
 01:07:48 Sen. Keane
 01:09:07 Sen. Hamlett
 01:09:58 Sen. Keane
 01:10:16 Sen. Hamlett
 01:10:25 Chairman Vincent
 01:10:38 Sen. Hoven
 01:11:48 Mr. Thamke

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:04 Sen. Hamlett
 01:14:23 Recess
 01:27:03 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 112

01:27:28 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 112 DO PASS.**

01:27:45 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 112 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(nas27a03\)](#)

Discussion:

01:28:39 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:31:17 Chairman Vincent
 01:31:31 Sen. Hoven
 01:32:44 George Mathieus, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 01:35:18 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:35:42 Mr. Mathieus, DEQ
 01:36:17 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:36:26 Mr. Mathieus
 01:36:32 Sen. Hoven
 01:37:01 Mr. Mathieus
 01:37:11 Sen. Phillips
 01:37:49 Mr. Mathieus
 01:38:05 Sen. Phillips
 01:38:42 Mr. Mathieus
 01:39:26 Sen. Ankney
 01:40:25 Mr. Mathieus

01:40:39 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:41:14 Chairman Vincent
 01:41:55 Mr. Mathieus
 01:42:20 Sen. Phillips
 01:42:49 Chairman Vincent

01:43:11 Without objection, Sen. Ankney withdrew the **BE AMENDED** motion.

Sen. Brenden left the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 160

01:44:19 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 160 DO PASS**.

01:44:33 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 160 BE AMENDED**.
[**EXHIBIT\(nas27a04\)**](#)

Discussion:

01:45:09 Sen. Ankney
 01:45:35 Chairman Vincent
 01:46:07 Sen. Keane
 01:46:19 Chairman Vincent
 01:46:25 Sen. Phillips
 01:46:51 Sen. Ankney
 01:47:05 Sen. Phillips
 01:47:41 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:47:53 Sonja Nowakowski, research analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 01:48:14 Chairman Vincent
 01:48:34 George Mathieus, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 01:49:50 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:50:12 Mr. Mathieus, DEQ
 01:51:01 Sen. Keane
 01:51:15 Mr. Mathieus

01:51:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

01:51:50 **Motion:** Sen. Ankney moved that **SB 160 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

01:52:02 Sen. Kaufmann
 01:52:10 Ms. Nowakowski, LSD

01:53:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Kaufmann voting no. Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 221

01:53:50 **Motion:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SB 221 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:54:10 Sen. Keane

01:54:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brenden voted by proxy.

01:54:38 Sen. Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:58 P.M.

Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas27aad.pdf](#))